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Spy Trial Witness Denies Affair With Emigré

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LOS ANGELES, April 30 — A retired agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation denied Tuesday that he had had a sexual affair with a woman being tried as a Soviet spy.

The agent, John E. Hunt, in his first day of cross-examination in the trial of Nikolay and Svetlana Ogorodnikov, rejected Mrs. Ogorodnikov's contentions that he was her lover while he was assigned to investigate her.

That was two years before the woman met Richard W. Miller, then an F.B.I. agent, who is also accused by the Government of conspiring to pass clas-

sified information to the Soviet intelligence service, the K.G.B. Mr. Miller is to be tried later.

Lawyers for Mr. Miller have contended that other F.B.I. agents besides himself have had affairs with Soviet operatives and have not been charged with wrongdoing. Mr. Miller, who was dismissed as a result of the espionage charges, denies spying and said he was being selectively prosecuted by his superiors in the bureau.

Mrs. Ogorodnikov maintains that her activities with the F.B.I. had nothing to do with spying but rather were a result of her cooperation as an informer for the bureau for several years.

Mr. Hunt, the agent who was first assigned to Mrs. Ogorodnikov's case in 1980, is a key witness in the trial, and Tuesday was his third day on the witness stand. He has testified about his efforts to get the Russian woman to provide information to the F.B.I. about Soviet activities.

Mr. Hunt testified Tuesday that he was questioned last October, after the arrest of the Ogorodnikovs and Mr. Miller, by two separate pairs of investigators from the F.B.I.'s inspection division, the unit responsible for internal investigations.

The investigators, Mr. Hunt said, asked him about Mrs. Ogorodnikov's

feelings toward him, whether they had ever had sexual intercourse and whether he had ever offered to divorce his wife. Mr. Hunt told the jury that the investigators had told him "the sole purpose of the interview was to discuss allegations made against me by Mrs. Ogorodnikov" in July 1983.

The former agent said that at the time he was advised that he was entitled to an attorney and if he talked his statements could be used against him.

Mr. Hunt said that "two or three weeks" after the second set of investigative interviews in mid-October he filed the required papers for retirement.

Last week Mr. Hunt testified that he had retired for health reasons and because he had completed 20 years.

Gregory Stone, one of Mrs. Ogorodnikov's lawyers, appeared to intend that the line of questioning imply that Mr. Hunt had retired because of the investigators' attention to his relationship with Mrs. Ogorodnikov. The defense lawyer, however, did not pursue that theme Tuesday with any further questions.

In other testimony Tuesday, Mr. Hunt said that he advised Mr. Miller last May after learning of his initial contacts with Mrs. Ogorodnikov: "R.W., you're getting in over your head."

He said he had also told Mr. Miller: "You see how clever she is? She's as smart or smarter than both of us. You had better be careful."